Dear Harold:

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Thanks for your last three letters. Enclosed is a copy of your publisher's letter to me and my reply. John Jacobs, on the phone at least, seems to be a fine, personable, honest guy. It looks as though the feds got that sketch somehwere between Memphis and New York. Let's hope the replacement makes it.

Your comments on Sirhan are correct. If he is a paranoid schizophrenic, as I am now certain, then he would be just that much more suspeptible to suggestion. They are the easiest of all types to use.

The work on the film sounds exciteng. So does your legal work, although I know the burden this must be. Wish I had a lawyer to spare.

The Bud, Sprague, Flammonde thing continues unabated from the sound of it. It is of little comfort that I have felt that way about the first two from the beginning. The Hargis stuff I sent contains a lot of goodies, but nothing that is crucial for now. Some of it is way out enough to be funny.

I will be glad to put Ned Crosby in touch with you. He is now into the case enough to both want to see you and be able to profit from it. In addition to Ramsey Clark, he just extracted a similar promise from Katzenbach. Ned has ways of getting to see just about anyone from the looks of it.

Would love to visit yuu during the APA meeting except that I am always too busy and poor to make those meetings. Well, maybe nextyear will be my year#. Sorry I forgot about Nix. How and where should I send it. It is a huge reel and Nix is only a small part of it, so I would like to send it by cheapest rate possible.

How about backgrounding Ned Brosby in person. His knowledge of the case is not very deep, but he is very bright and quick. He can force people to listen to him by his connections and financial position--people who can avoid an honest challenge from someone like you. He regrets that this is the case as much as we do, but likes to use this thing for the most good.

Hearing about Paul Hoch's romantic problems does, as you suggest, fit in even more with my coneerns andhypothesis about his present behavior.

Glad to hear that Matt and Jeanine are doing well and on their trip. I envy them. I don't know Phil Stiles.

The Newcombs have done a creative poster which gives that LBJ quote about waiting until November until you shoot him down. It is funny and well done, although I still don't like posters or buttons which imply such things since they, like several Ramparts covers on this subject, do more to affect the publi than anything. Thus one spends a certain portion of each public appearance answering unanswerable questions about LBJ et. al.

I am not speaking for Gary Short's agency. Just realized the other day that I have never recontacted them. Just as well. I don't have the time for travel in order to speak, even though there is money in it which I need.

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping in regard to an evaluation I recently did. I stuck my neck out a bit, but this guy got a raw deal. After my report and letter arrived, the prosecution quickly called me and told me to forget the suppeana! In fact, they insisted that they didn't want to even see me. I had done a smart thing. I wrote a good and solid report on my testing of the guy, but put the guts into a letter so that I wouldn't be vulnerable profession ally. The full letter read: "It would appear that his institutionalization fo such a period of time represents an error of the most tragic sort. I see no evidence that he has ever been a mental defective requiring hospitalization of that sort. It is surprising that he was able to survive the impoverished life of an institution without developing either emotional or intellectual deficits. I find him as friendly and personable today as have many interviewers over the post 20 years. The fact that he seems to bear no person mallice for the injustices he has suffered is quite striking. We could use more people like him in our society. I can't imagine how a man could be compensated in any meaningful sense for a virtual loss of 20 years, but I hope that whatever court or board that hears this case settles in his favor. Hopefully the mental health community can learn from mistakes such as this one so that they are no repeated." I helped the lawyer work out the case the day before and so feel very much a part of it.

Well, I'd better go. Take care and give my regards to Lil.

Gary